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MIGDEN ANNOUNCES 2004 TAXABLE SALES – SECOND QUARTER

Carole Migden, Chairwoman, State Board of Equalization (BOE), announced today that the preliminary statewide calculations for second quarter 2004 taxable sales show an increase over the actual figures for the same quarter a year ago.

BOE estimated that California businesses completed approximately \$121.4 billion in transactions subject to the sales and use tax during the second quarter of year 2004 -- an increase of about 6.1 percent over the second quarter 2003 final total of \$114.5 billion.

Recent taxable sales and their year-to-year percent changes are shown below:

	<u>1st Qtr.</u>	<u>2nd Qtr.</u>	<u>3rd Qtr.</u>	<u>4th Qtr.</u>
Taxable Sales (millions)				
2001	104,176	112,318	109,283	115,740
2002	100,957	111,017	112,170	116,805
2003	104,453	114,478	118,466	119,695 (est.)
2004	110,765 (est.)	121,422 (est.)		
Year-to-Year Percent Change				
2001	4.3	1.2	-2.9	-2.3
2002	-3.1	-1.2	2.6	0.9
2003	3.5	3.1	5.6	2.5 (est.)
2004	6.0 (est.)	6.1 (est.)		

This increase in second quarter sales appears to indicate that the California economy is continuing its recovery.

It is important to note that these second quarter 2004 figures are preliminary, based on raw sales tax receipts tabulated before adjustments for any late tax returns. Figures for cities and counties will not be available for another nine months.

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